

# St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



**Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.**

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**Term 3 Week 3**

**31st July 2012**

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## **Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,**

Week Three and what a busy time it is for all of us who are involved in any way in sport.

It's that time which happens every four years when we all know what it is to 'win by an ipon', 'catch a crab', or 'lose by T.K.O. Yes, the Olympics are on, and you can only marvel at the amazing ability at the athletes that we watch and the amazing feats of skill, strength and endurance that they display.

What we must not lose sight of though is that these performances were not just made by someone wandering up and saying 'can I have a row' but rather by immensely talented athletes who have dedicated years to their sport. Often making huge personal sacrifice along the way.

The one sport in the Olympics that I can comment on with any knowledge is rowing, I know what is required to achieve at national level and the jump to international level is immense. To have a crew like Bond and Murray in such a technical boat is a huge boost for New Zealand rowing and our chances at the Olympics. Every other crew is determined to win, there is no such thing as a 'lay down—misere'. Upsets happen, oars break and sport by it's very nature is fickle. We expect great things of our athletes, they expect more of themselves.

But we must remember to temper our expectations especially of our own children. We can encourage, support, nurture and even dream but if we want our children to play a sport to a high level we must ensure that they enjoy it. As the American golfer Ray Floyd said "if you love what your doing you never work a day in your life".

So when we watch our children at their sport we need to remember that they are learning: skills, attitudes, values and setting goals. Our job as parents is to offer support and hopefully they will continue to enjoy their sport and one day they may achieve something great.

Have a great week.

Mike Brosnahan

## **Rugby Tournament at Green Island**



**Our Vision :** Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

### Calendar of Events

#### August

- 1st Parent meeting - First Communion 7pm
- 3rd Room 7 Assembly 2.30pm
- 8th Kapahaka—Fairfield
- 14th BOT Meeting 7.30pm, staffroom
- 17th Room 6 Assembly 2.30pm
- 19th McRobie Family Photos Fundraiser
- 20-24th Room 7 Camp—Queenstown
- 30th Mufti Day—Tombola Item for the Fair
- 31st Room 5 Assembly

#### September

- 1st School Ski Trip
- 3rd Miniball Prizegiving St Mary's Hall 3.45
- 7th School Disco
- 9th First Holy Communion
- 11th Star Lab Museum Trip Rooms 1-5
- 26/27th -School Musical
- 28th End of Term 3

#### October

- 15th October Term 4 begins
- 18th October Mufti Day—Grocery Item for Fair
- 28th School Fair!

### PTA News .....

#### Family Photo's

This term on **Sunday the 19th August** we are hosting McRobie family photos again, you can get those Christmas photos organised nice and early. Each appointment is 15 minutes long, starting at 9am.

To book a time contact Marie Kelly on 484-7507. This is open to family and friends, cost is \$10 per sitting.

#### First Holy Communion is on the 9th September.

If your child made their First Communion last year Jacqui Dodson will contact you soon, asking for a plate of food for the children's table and to help host the morning tea for this years group.

#### Sausage Sizzle This Friday!

The PTA will be doing a sausage sizzle **this Friday** and every second Friday for the rest of this term. Watch out for an order form being sent home.

### A thought for the week...

"When a classroom door opens then a prison door closes".

Victor Hugo

### WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME

When your child:

- Has signs of being unwell, i.e. grizzly, unsettled, listless or tired
- Has a high temperature or appears very hot
- Is complaining of, or appears to have a sore tummy, throat or ears
- Has a continuous cough
- Has had diarrhoea or vomiting in the past 24 hours and not able to eat their normal food
- Has had diarrhoea and vomiting within the last 48 hours
- Has weeping, red eyes and/or a yellow discharge around the eyes
- Has broken skin sores
- Has become ill with a communicable disease eg measles, chickenpox.

If you are unsure, call your child's school or public health nurse.

Please inform your school if your child is going to be kept home due to illness.

### Reminder

The Choir children are having a shared lunch tomorrow, Wednesday to acknowledge and celebrate all their hard work!

### Parent Meeting for First Communion

This will be held this **Wednesday 1st August** at the Parish Centre, Church Street at **7pm**.

Advanced notice for the First Communion, date is set for Sunday 9th September.

### Altar Servers Sunday 5th August

Jaylah Kennedy, Josh & Emma Hyde.

### Guitar Lessons

For children who have already done the beginners class last year. To start on Wednesday 8th August in Room 5, at 3.05pm—3.45pm. Five lessons cost \$20, enrol at the school office. —Mary Dillon



### Thank you

A big thank you to these children who helped to lead the singing at Sunday Mass: Finn & Emma McArthur, Thomas Kelly, Josh, Emma & Sam Hyde, Ella-Rose Crooks, Sara Hall, Caitlin Anderton, Georgiana Van Herel, Georgia & Ben Baines, Ethan O'Brien, Akayla Grindley & Michaela Sutherland. And the guitarists: Lori Parker, Jayden Grindley & Sinead Illingworth. -You all did our school proud, thank you. Mary Dillon

## **Aurora School Lunches—beginning this Thursday 2nd August!**

Aurora Café takes great pleasure in introducing a new school lunch service to St Mary's School. Our aim is to provide a hassle-free service that delivers a variety of high quality, child portioned lunches, delivered to St Mary's School in a timely manner.

Our menu includes a variety of healthy choices and "sometimes foods," all of which are made freshly to order in our commercial kitchen.

We are aware for the need to provide families and the school with a service that minimizes ordering errors and is delivered on time. To this effect, we have designed an ordering envelope.

Our menu will change over time in response to your suggestions (email [info@auroracafe.co.nz](mailto:info@auroracafe.co.nz)), and seasonal variations.

### **How to Order**

1. Collect your envelope (and a few to spare) from the school office.
2. Record your order on the envelope, enclose cash payment or record your credit/debit plus card details at the bottom of the envelope.
3. Drop your order into the lunch order slot at the office. Orders will be collected at approximately 9:30am.

### **What You Can Expect**

- Envelopes will be collect by Aurora staff, orders filled and delivered to the St Mary's Office by 12:30pm.
- Required change will be returned in the envelope stapled to the paper bag containing the child's lunch. Credit card payments will be processed the day of purchase and details destroyed ensuring security.

We look forward to providing the best service possible to you and your family.

**Jillian Peacock**

**Proprietor**

## **St Mary's Mosgiel has registered to enter this competition!**

Each child has been given a collection sheet to put the Meadow Fresh stickers on.

Please ask family, friends, and neighbours to help collect these stickers, they are found on milk and yoghurt products.

If you know people who work in a café or rest homes, businesses etc they may be happy to collect them for you?

When your collection sheet is full bring to the school office, I have more collection sheets available.

They will all be tallied up and sent to Meadow Fresh to go into a draw to win for Art and Sports gear for our school!



### **Daffodil Day Fashion Extravaganza**

To be held on 10th August, 7.30pm at the Mosgiel RSA.

Cost \$15 includes nibbles and glass on wine.

Lucky Ticket Prizes. Clothing sponsored by Farmers. Tickets available from the RSA or Blackstone Café.

### **Hand washing**

The spread of illness is most common in the third term of the school year. This is a reminder of the importance of hand washing. Children who wash their hands regularly have fewer sick days with colds and flu's, and less time off with 'tummy bugs'. It takes 20 seconds to wash your hands properly and teaching children to get into a habit of washing their hands will help control the spread of disease. Hand drying is also very important as wet hands will attract bugs like a magnet.